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Dear Joshua,

This year, a number of colleagues and I are setting in motion an attempt to **get the Nobel Peace Prize** for the World Health Organization. We feel that **this is** timely, not only because of the wide acclaim that the smallpox eradication **campaign** has had, but also because next year marks the thirtieth World Health **Assembly**, i.e. more or less the thirtieth birthday of the Organization.

The attached documentation will give you some details about the proposed citation, and I hope you will find yourself in a position to give this nomination strong support. The move is being initiated by a group of friends of W.H.O. who have had an opportunity to assess its role in the U.N. System, and who are convinced that, with all its faults, W.H.O. is a great force towards peace in the world and progress towards better health in the developing nations.

If you are in a position to help us, the correct approach is to write a letter in your own words, highlighting perhaps some of your own experiences with the Organization, and sending this to the Nobel Peace Prize Committee, Storting, Oslo, Norway. We had considered a jointly signed letter, but feel that the spontaneous expression of several different opinions would, in the end, make a bigger impact. Of course, it goes without saying that the award of the Nobel Prize would give a tremendous boost to the Organization, particularly at a time when many aspects of its work are under attack. The Prize would not only honour Candau for his sterling work over the years, but would also strengthen Mahler at this critical juncture in the Institution's history.

Please do let me know if you are in a position to help.

With all best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

G.J.V. Nossal
Director